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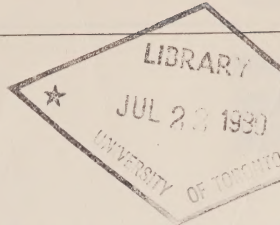
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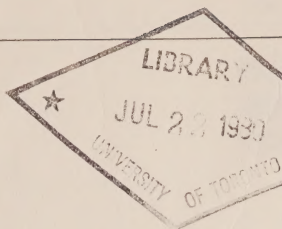
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The minister added "The actual owners could mortgage and remortgage, then go bankrupt and leave the consumer with a personal mortgage, but no property. Absentee management may fail to provide the services contracted for, and if the sewers back up on Sunday morning, you could be in trouble."

Mr. Drea indicated long-lease campsites are a good investment only if the company is financially sound and has a good reputation. "Our job is to anticipate problems," Mr. Drea said, "and this booklet may help consumers be more informed."

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ASKED FOR COMMENT ON
ONTARIO FIRE CODE

Ontario's first province-wide fire code has been introduced for public comment.

The code, which consolidates fire regulations from more than 60 separate provincial Acts, was published in the Jan. 13 edition of the Ontario Gazette, the province's official weekly publication.

Consumers, municipal councils, fire and building authorities and others interested in fire safety have been asked for comments on the proposed code.

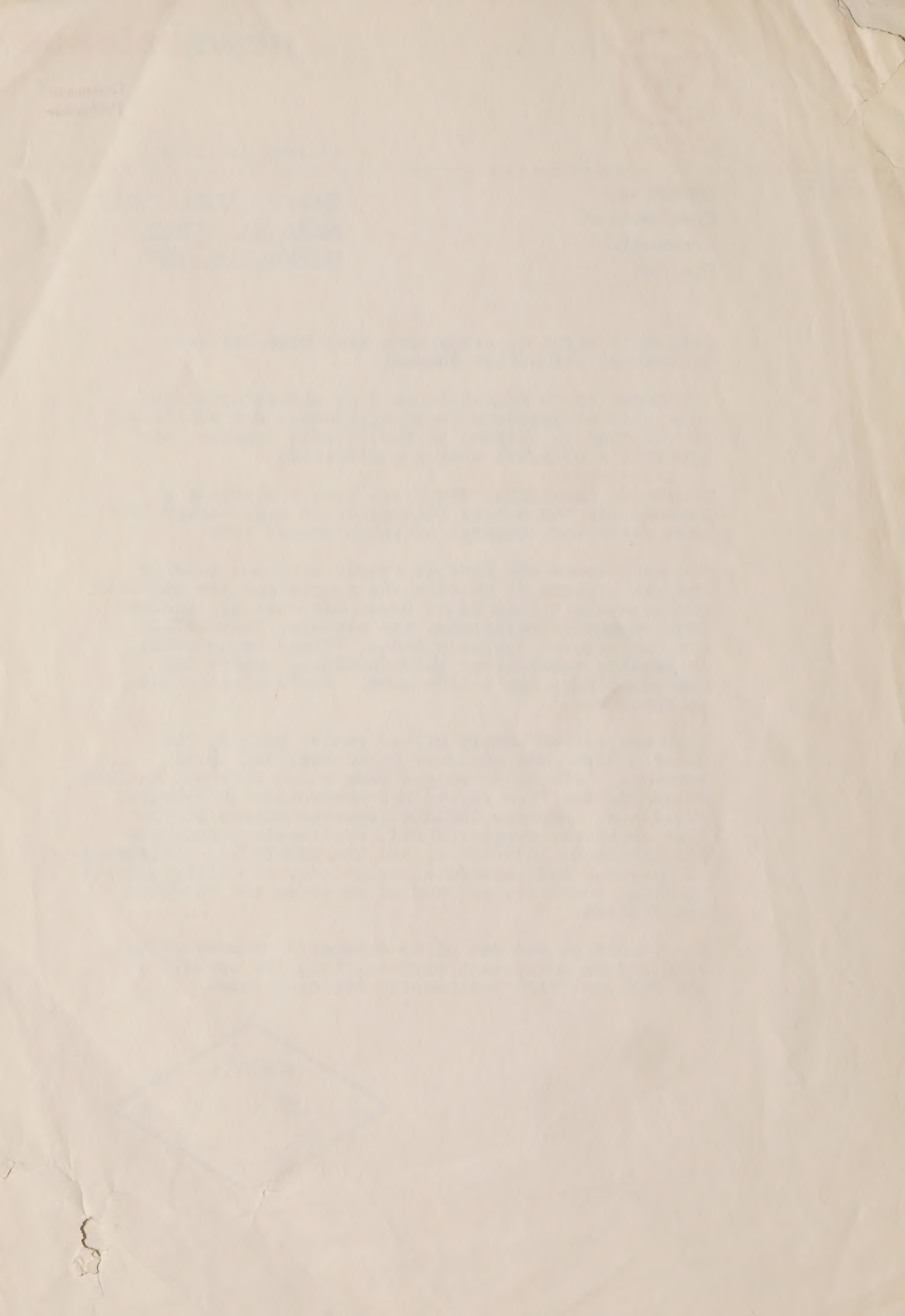
"We want those who have to comply with and enforce the regulations to be sure the provisions are workable and adequate," said Frank Drea, minister of consumer and commercial relations, the ministry responsible for the Ontario Building Code. "There is no point in issuing regulations which building owners and municipalities can't live with. Now's their chance to speak out."

The code is the result of two years' work by the Ontario Fire Code Advisory Committee, set up in November, 1976 to develop a code which sets out minimum standards for fire safety and prevention in existing buildings. Members include representatives of the fire services, architectural, engineering, building and insurance industries, and the provincial ministries of consumer and commercial relations, solicitor general, housing, community and social services and industry and tourism.

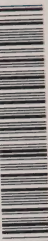
The committee was set up to develop a comprehensive, single code consistent with existing law as well as the National Fire and Ontario Building codes.

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